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IN THE CLAIMS

- 1 Claim 1. (*Original*) A truck-bed extension removably attachable to a hitch receiver on a truck having a
2 rear gate without obstructing the gate in either the open or closed positions that is easily assembled and
3 disassembled by a single person, comprising:
- 4 an elongated first support member having a first end and a second end, said first support member
5 including a lower segment and an upper segment joined by truss framework;
- 6 means for removably connecting said first end of said first support member to a hitch receiver
- 7 an elongated second support member having a first end and a second end;
- 8 means for pivotally connecting said second end of said first support member to said first end of said
9 second support member;
- 10 a first T-bar having a first end and a second end;
- 11 means for removably connecting said T-bar to said first support member;
- 12 a rear support member having a first end and a second end;
- 13 means for removably connecting said rear support member to said second end of said second
14 support member;
- 15 a first elongated side support bar having a first end and a second end and a second elongated side
16 support bar having a first end and a second end;

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17 means for removably connecting said first end of said first side support bar to said first end of said
18 T-bar;
19 means for removably connecting said first end of said second side support bar to said second end
20 of said T-bar;
21 means for removably connecting said second end of said first side support bar to said first end of
22 said rear support member;
23 means for removably connecting said second end of said second side support bar to said second
24 end of said rear support member;
25 a first cross-bar having a first end and a second end and a second cross-bar having a first and a
26 second end; and
27 means for removably connecting said first ends of said first and second cross-bars to said first side
28 support bar and said second ends of said first and second cross-bars to said second side support bar.

1 Claim 2. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 1, wherein said rear support member
2 comprises a second T-bar and an integral upper bar at the elevation of said first T-bar.

1 Claim 3. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 2, wherein said means for removably
2 connecting said second end of said second support member to said rear support member connects said
3 second end of said second support member to said second T-bar.

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1 Claim 4. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 3, wherein said means for removably
2 connecting said second end of said first side support bar to said first end of said rear support member
3 includes a first U-shaped bracket and said means for removably connecting said second end of said second
4 side support bar to said second end of said rear support member includes a second U-shaped bracket.

1 Claim 5. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 4, wherein said means for removably
2 connecting said first ends of said first and second cross-bars to said first side support bar and said second
3 ends of said first and second cross-bars to said second side support bar includes U-brackets and cotter
4 pins.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 5, further including a pair of retractable
2 legs, a first leg pivotally attached to said first end of said rear support member and a second leg pivotally
3 attached to said second end of said rear support member.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension according to claim 5, further including elongated side railings,
2 each side railing having first and second ends;

3 means for removably connecting the first ends of said railings to said first and second ends of said
4 first T-bar; and

5 means for removably connecting said second ends of said railings to said first and second ends of
6 said rear support member.

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1 Claim 8. (*Original*) The truck-bed extension of claim 7, wherein said means for pivotally connecting
2 said second end of said first support member to said first end of said second support member comprises
3 a hinged joint.

Claims 9-15 (*Canceled*)